

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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There are four men to be put to death by way of the electric chair early in January.

It is to be Wilson or Harmon in 1912. We are inclined to take Harmon as the stronger candidate.

Good roads and good streets. Let us talk and work for these improvements. We certainly can do nothing unless we make the start, so let us make the start with the New Year. Talk and work for good roads as well as good streets. We need them and need them bad.

The population of Halifax county is 17,646 against 30,793 ten years ago. The county stands 8th in point of population as compared with the other counties in the State. This is a pretty good showing, but then the county stands at the head of the list in many respects.

Hon. J. J. Britt, of Asheville, has been appointed Third Assistant Postmaster General and has assumed his duties. Mr. Britt's appointment seems to have been a surprise, especially to the Morehead-Butler faction of the Republican party. Mr. Britt is a man of talent and is considered clean in politics.

UP WITH SIGN POSTS!

As our readers well know we have been an advocate of sign-posts at cross roads and where roads forks, but it seems there is very little being done along this line. Not only this but every man ought to be required to put his name on his mail box. On the subject of sign-posts the Charlotte Observer in a recent issue says:

"Concerning concrete sign-posts for public roads, a communication from Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State geologist, together with an expression by Southern Good Roads, directs our attention to the further fact that sign-posts of some description are prescribed under penalties by the laws of the State. In Bulletin 3 of the Southern Appalachian Good Roads Association, edited by Dr. Pratt, this enactment, found in Section 2722, Revisal of 1905, is quoted as follows:

"Overseers shall cause to be set up at the forks of their respective roads, a post or posts, with arms pointing the way of each road, with plain and durable directions to the most public places to which they lead, and with the number of miles from that place as near as can be computed; and after notice of his appointment, neglect to do so and to keep the same in repair, shall forfeit and pay for every neglect ten dollars." Dr. Pratt notes as a regrettable fact that the law is at present enforced only in Buncombe county. "This," he says, "is a subject in which the geological survey has been trying for some time to interest the counties, but neither the county commissioners nor the overseers seem to realize their responsibility, and many, I think, have no idea that the law referred to is on our statute books."

We hope that sign-post erection will begin to receive the attention which it deserves and which is called for by the statute mentioned.

Rev. Irl R. Hicks 1911 Almanac.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac for 1911, that gaudy Angel in a hundred thousand homes, is now ready. Many are now willing to be without it and the Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac, Word and Works. The two are only one dollar a year. The Almanac is 35c prepaid. No home office should fail to send for them. Word and Works Publishing Company, St. Louis, Mo.

Something of a Farmer.

Mr. Fisher Helms, an old soldier who went through the whole war and carries five wounds, lives in Eaford township, and this year made with his own hands three bales of cotton and nine two-horse loads of corn. He is 69 years old and the mule he worked is 14. According to the way the pension sharks are robbing the people of the country to the so-called northern soldiers, many of whom never fired a gun, the amount of fighting that old confederate like Mr. Helms did would be worth about \$250,000.—Monroe Journal.

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NEWS FROM HALIFAX.

Items of Interest Reported From the County Capital.

Halifax, N. C., Dec. 13.—Our little town for some weeks past has been full of sick ones with colds, rather a rare thing in the month of December as a rule. Mrs. W. A. Sater has been real sick for three weeks, but is slowly convalescing. Little Mildred Campbell is right sick at this writing, with congestion. Master Jack Vaughan has been sick for several days with pleurisy. The balance of our people are knocking along getting ready for Christmas.

Rev. J. E. Holden came up Sunday and filled his first appointment for this conference year. All of our people are glad to get him back. This is his fourth year on the Halifax and Halifax charge. Mr. Holden made an earnest plea that all the membership get together for earnest honest work for the master that there may be many visible results. He wants to see many souls converted this year, and commenced the conference year with prayer to that effect. He begged the support and co-operation of all his flock to the same end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Butts who were last week married in Washington, D. C., spent Saturday and Sunday here with Mr. Butts' parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Butts, returning to Rosemary, N. C. on Sunday afternoon, which will be their home.

Mrs. Butts is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fields of West Point, a grand-daughter of Mr. Richard Brown of Roanoke Rapids, and a niece of the late Jno. N. Brown, who before his death three years ago lived here since the war. Mrs. Butts is well known here having visited the town from early girlhood and has many friends here. She possesses lovable traits of character and we feel that Mr. Butts has won a treasure indeed and we calculate that in the town of their adoption they will soon have many friends.

Mr. Butts is a young business man who is fast winning his way, being a member of the firm of The Rosemary Supply Company. We wish for this couple the best things possible as they sail through life.

Mr. Swain Norman is home for the holidays, coming down from Warrenton where he had been at school a few days ago.

Miss Lucy Butts came up from Franklin where she has been attending school, last Friday to see her people.

Miss Joseph Bartholomew of Scotland Neck, one of our boy-hood friends called to see us last week.

Mr. C. H. Hall left for Richmond Monday on a business trip.

P. H. Wesphall left Sunday for another business trip in South Carolina and Georgia.

H. W. Gowen will be home Wednesday or Thursday from an extended business trip.

Mrs. Willis A. Wilcox left Saturday for New York City to visit her son, Mr. W. D. Fauett, and will be gone two or three weeks.

The Greater Youth's Companion.

Since its enlargement by the addition of an amount of reading in the year equal to four hundred ordinary magazine pages, The Youth's Companion can offer even a wider range of wholesome entertainment than ever before; but the character of the paper's contents remain the same, and the subscription price \$1.75, is unchanged.

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Do not forget that the early subscriber for 1911 receives free all the remaining issues of 1910, including those containing the opening chapter of Grace Richmond's serial story, "Five Miles Out."

The new subscriber receives also The Companion's Art Calendar for 1911, lithographed in twelve colors and gold. The Youth's Companion, 144 Berkeley St., Boston, Mass.

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Glenview Items.

Glenview, N. C., Dec. 12.—Our farmers are about through harvesting the 1910 crop.

Some are sowing wheat yet and will continue up to the new year. A good many of our people will change homes with the coming of the new year.

Mr. V. T. Edwards will move to Whitakers this week.

Rev. G. W. May filled the pulpit at Hickory Chapel last Sunday, there was a large attendance.

Mr. W. D. Knight happened to an accident last Wednesday although not fatal, his horse run away with him, the wheel of the wagon knocking him down, the horse run two miles before he could be stopped.

Most everybody is killing hogs now the weather being excellent for this work and there are some hogs in the community, Mr. T. L. Vick has 56 as fine as we ever saw.

Mr. S. S. Viverette sold a milk cow a few days ago for \$75.00. It was a fine cow.

On Sunday, Nov. 20th 1910 at 10 o'clock p. m., Mrs. Wiley Edwards passed quietly away, after a ten days illness of intense suffering. She was about 65 years of age, and was born in Wilson County. At the age of 20 she was married to Mr. Wiley Edwards, of said county, where they resided until the year 1888, when they moved to Glenview, where they have since lived. To this union was born ten children, seven of whom are living, and three preceded her to the spirit world in their infancy. The living are Messrs. V. G., W. S., and W. G. Edwards and Mrs. W. D. Knight, of this place. Mr. John Edwards, of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. Caine Halliway and Miss Lizzie Edwards, of Emporia, Va.

While she was young she professed faith in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist church at Town Creek, Wilson county in which fellowship she remained until death.

She was laid to rest in the Methodist cemetery Monday at 3 o'clock p. m. Nov. 21st.

Early Sunday morning, Dec. 4th, the Lord sent his angel and called home a father in Israel, Mr. William Sexton, of Nash county. He had been in ill health some months. He was 89 years and 31 days old. He followed Gen. Lee four years in the conflict between the States, he made a good soldier, both for his country and his God. He remained faithful in the fellowship of Hickory Chapel church ever since it was built, 50 years ago. There are many relatives and friends left behind to mourn their loss. He was laid to rest Monday, Dec. 5th, at 4 o'clock, to wait the return of our Lord.

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GERMS IN HER SYSTEM.

Every Woman Should Read this Advice and the Generous Offer that Goes With It.

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Sale of Land for Taxes.

I will sell at the court house door in the town of Halifax, N. C., on Monday, the 2nd day of January, 1911, the following tracts or parcels of land to satisfy taxes and costs due for the year 1909:

CONOCOONARA TOWNSHIP.

WHITE.

Martha Biggs, one town lot, Spring Hill, \$2.45.

K. H. Cutchin, 300 acre farm, \$32.64.

W. M. Keeter, farm, \$15.56.

W. A. Parks Estate, 50 acres farm land, \$3.60.

A. L. Pope, 30 acres farm land, \$3.60.

NEGRO.

Horace Axum, 10 acres farm land, \$3.65.

Charlie Baker, 1600 acres farm land, old Pope tract, \$12.88.

Walter Baker, 1600 acres farm land, old Pope tract, \$8.86.

Starling Bullock, 100 acres farm land, King tract, \$9.24.

Jesse E. Edmonds, 144 acres farm land, Gabe Marrow tract, \$14.39.

Neptune Freeman estate, 100 acres farm land, \$8.80.

John Fenner, 1524 acres farm land, \$10.84.

Freeman Hill, 47 acres farm land, \$3.74.

Sam Pittman, 50 acres farm land, \$6.85.

Tom Smith, 1600 acres farm land, old Pope tract, \$7.93.

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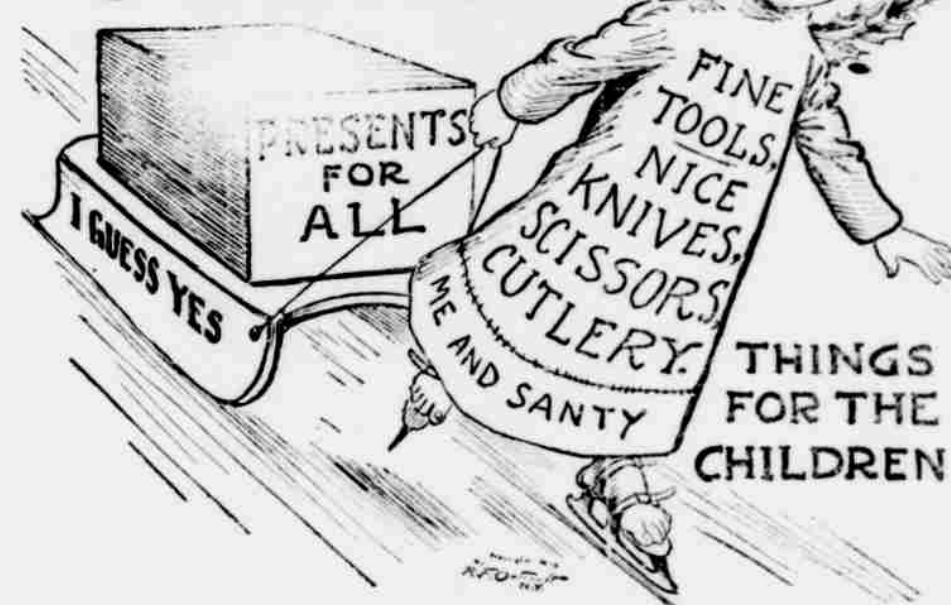
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